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(54) **Reception of multicarrier signals over power lines**

(57) An Orthogonal Frequency Division Multiplexed (OFDM) power line communications system comprising a power line for distributing electricity to a plurality of premises and a communication station coupled to the power line at one of the premises, which station uses a

part of the power line external to the premises as a communications medium. The communications station includes a receiver which comprises a clipping system adapted to clip an incoming OFDM data waveform, which includes a regular impulsive noise component, so as to reduce the level of noise on the waveform.

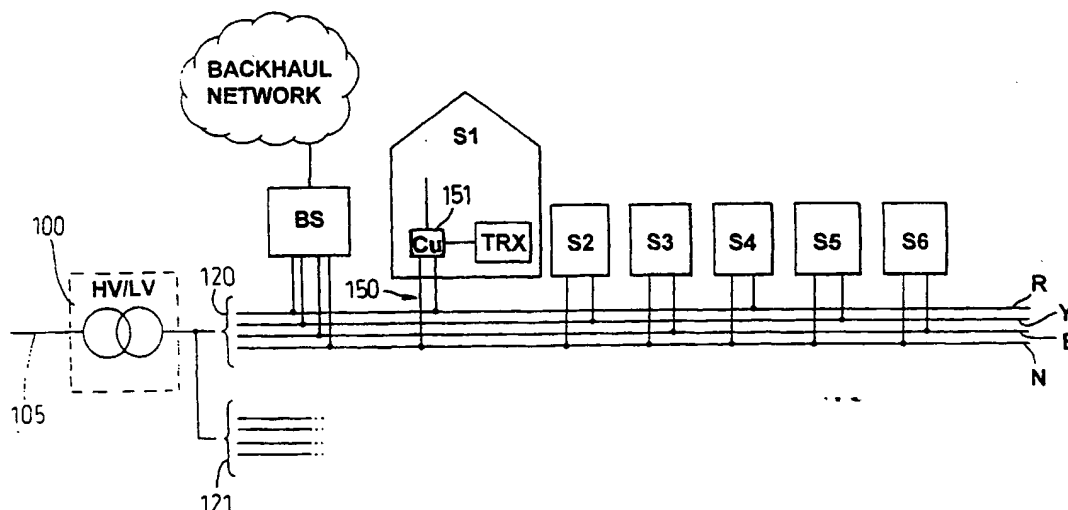


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